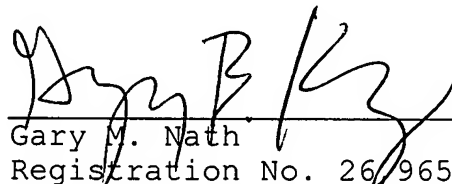


REMARKS

The above amendment has been made to amend the title, the specification and to conform the claims to U.S. practice.

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Attachment A

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~~END TOOK FOR TAPE MEASURE~~ A MEASURING DEVICE

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Attachment B

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8, with the following paragraph:

According to the present invention there is provided a measuring device comprising an elongate member; and a coupling in operative association with the elongate member, the coupling comprising a first section and a second section, wherein the first section and the second section are disposed at a desired position relative to one another, the coupling being adapted to hinge, about an axis which lies substantially parallel to a transverse axis of the elongate member, between a first state in which the first section is disposed substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the elongate member, to a second state in which the second section is disposed substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the elongate member.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 16:

~~Preferably, the coupling comprises a first section and a second section, wherein the first section and the second section are disposed at a desired position relative to one another.~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 23:

~~Preferably, the coupling is moveable between a first state in which the first section is disposed substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the elongate member, to a second state in which the second section is disposed substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the elongate member.~~

Attachment C

- 1-13. (cancelled)
14. (new) A measuring device comprising an elongate member; and a coupling in operative association with the elongate member, the coupling comprising a first section and a second section, wherein the first section and the second section are disposed at a desired position relative to one another, the coupling being adapted to hinge, about an axis which lies substantially parallel to a transverse axis of the elongate member, between a first state in which the first section is disposed substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the elongate member, to a second state in which the second section is disposed substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the elongate member.
- 15.(new) A measuring device according to claim 14 wherein the axis about which the coupling is hinged lies substantially contiguous with a free end of the elongate member.
- 16.(new) A measuring device according to claim 14 wherein the first section and the second section are disposed substantially perpendicular to one another.
- 17.(new) A measuring device according to claim 14 wherein the coupling is secured to the elongate member by means of an anchor.
- 18.(new) A measuring device according to claim 17 comprising a pin arranged to secure the coupling to the anchor, the pin defining the axis about which the coupling is hinged.
- 19.(new) A measuring device according to claim 18 in which one or other of the coupling or anchor has a pair of spaced

apart collars, while the other of the coupling or anchor has a single collar shaped and dimensioned to be seated between the pair of spaced apart collars, wherein the pin passes through the three collars in order to secure the coupling to the anchor.

- 20.(new) A measuring device according to claim 14 wherein the coupling is displaceable, in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the elongate member, a distance substantially equal to the thickness of the first section or the second section.
- 21.(new) A measuring device according to claim 14 wherein the elongate member comprises a tape having measuring indicia thereon.
- 22.(new) A measuring device according to claim 17 further comprising a backing plate secured, through the elongate member, to the anchor.
- 23.(new) A measuring device according to claim 14 wherein a transition from the first section to the second section has a radius of curvature whose centre corresponds to the axis about which the coupling is hinged.
24. (new) A measuring device according to claim 14 further comprising a housing into which the elongate member is retractable.